



Alaska State Library Continuing Education Newsletter

Webinars

- [With Friends Like These: Pointing Your Friend’s Group in the Right Direction](#)
- [Public Librarians’ Chat: ResourceMate](#)
- [Public Librarians’ Chat: Summer Reading 101](#)

Two Public Librarian’s Chats in December

We are continuing a review of small library automation systems with an introduction to **ResourceMate**. On December 15 at 11:00 am Denise Mastalerz will provide an over-view of the various versions, new features and reporting capabilities found in **Resource-Mate**.

It is never too early to begin thinking about Summer Reading. Join us on December 16 at 1 pm for a fun hour covering everything you need to know to plan a terrific **Summer Reading Program**.

Events Calendar

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Upcoming Events:

FY2017 Competitive Bidding: Keys to E-rate Success

Wed, Nov 30, 2016 10:00am

Engaged Planning: Ask What You Can Do For Your Rural Community

Thu, Dec 1, 2016 11:00am

Research-Based Tools and Strategies Proven to Help Beginner Readers

Thu, Dec 1, 2016 11:00am

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Maintaining your library’s sustainability with help from your friends

During this difficult economic period in Alaska, a public library with an active Friends group, a non-profit, charitable group formed to support the library through fundraising, volunteering and advocacy, will have a distinct advantage over other public libraries operating without this community support.

If your public library has an **inactive** Friends group or one working in opposition of the library, you may want to attend the December 8<sup>th</sup> webinar, [With Friends Like These: Pointing Your Friend’s Group in the Right Direction](#) to learn some techniques for resolving conflict and developing a healthy, positive working relationship with your Friends group.

If your library doesn’t have a Friends group, consider reviewing [Libraries Need Friends: A Toolkit to Create Friends Groups or to Revitalize the One You Have](#), which was published in 2012 by United for Libraries. This helpful toolkit will walk you through the process of developing a core Friends group, creating a formal operating agreement and establishing the Friends’ mission and purpose. The toolkit also covers the all-important establishment of bylaws and 501 (c) (3) status. You may also want to review the Internal Revenue Service’s 14 page publication, [Applying for 501 \(c\) \(3\) Tax-Exempt Status](#) which covers the basics of how to apply for the 501 (c) (3).

Whatever you do, please don’t wait for a Friends’ group to magically appear in your library. Reach out to people in your community who already support your library and ask if they would be willing to help you form a Friends Group.